

November 14, 1966

Mr. Garner James Cline
Counsel, Committee on Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cline:

I am enclosing for your information copies of letters I have written today to Congressmen Feighan and Rodino.

We are highly grateful for your helpful assistance all along the line in connection with H. R. 14545 proposed by Mr. Rodino. Of course, we continue to be most anxious that this legislation will receive favorable consideration in the next session of Congress.

As indicated in my letters to Congressmen Feighan and Rodino, I want to do anything that may be appropriate to assist in gaining the necessary understanding and support for the bill. Of course, I would want to arrange and coordinate any contacts through you. My belief is that it would be desirable early in the next session if I could have a talk with all of the Committee members concerned, either individually or as a group as may be most convenient to them and as you consider the most useful approach.

Having been Director of Radio Free Europe in Munich for five and a half years, and having been associated very closely with the employees who would be affected by this legislation, perhaps I am in a unique position to answer questions and clear up any doubts which may remain in the minds of any of the Committee members.

While we are very eager to do all we can to help push this bill, I naturally do not wish to become a nuisance or wear out my welcome. Nevertheless, I feel that I ought to be able to help along this project, which really does have high importance to future effectiveness of RFE and many of its most valuable key employees. I will of course be guided by your advice in any actions I take.

With kindest personal regards and warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

C. Rodney Smith